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**JAN 04 2007****Remarks**

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. The Office action indicated that the preliminary amendment was non-compliant because it did not preserve the original claim numbering. In this response, the Applicant has submitted a set of claims that does preserve the original claim numbering. Claims 1-26 have been cancelled and claims 27-52 have been added. Thus, claims 27-52 remain pending in the application.

**Conclusion**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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